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3C0DX, ANNOBON ISLAND (CANCELLED). Reports indicate that the Guinea's authorities at the very last minute would not allow 11 of the 13 operators visas. Everything was ready: materials, equipments, operators, plane tickets, medical insurance, and enough money for the big expedition. The URE HQ continues to work very hard and has now rescheduled the DXpedition for **October 11th**.

4L, GEORGIA. 4L2M/Mamuka, 4L5O/Omar, 4L8T/Valentin, 4L4AK/Amiran, 4L4MM/Mero AND 4L4L/Givi will participate in the **CQWW WPX Contest**. They will use the call **4L7C** and be active as a Multi-OP/Single entry. Look for them on all bands 1.8 - 28 MHz. QSL info for 4L7C (ONLY during the conetst period) is: P.O. Box, 387 Yeroham 80500, ISRAEL.

5W, WESTERN SAMOA BUREAU. Scott Porter, N1SP (ex WA1YTW), W1 QSL Bureau Manager (Incoming), received the following from Martin Cook, N1FOC, ARRL QSL Service Manager: "I have been notified today that the 5 W Western Samoa QSL Service is terminated immediately. The President of the W.S.A.R.C Phil Williams, 5W1AU, states that there are only 4 active 5W1 'permanent resident' stations on Western Samoa. Visitors are issued 5W0 callsigns BUT most do not leave forwarding addresses or QSL Manager addresses when they leave, Phil has been operating the Bureau from his own pocket since 1971. The ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau will attempt to forward all 5W QSL cards that are currently at League headquarters. Cards with no route will be returned to the sender via the Incoming Bureaus..... I will be updating the ARRL Web Page ASAP & will add 5W to the "Countries Not Served By the Outgoing QSL Service" (Green Info Sheet) when I have the New Sheets Printed."Thanks all, Martin Cook, N1FOC

5H, TANZANIA. The "DX News Sheet" reports Lee, N5HG, will be active **until July, 1998**, as **5H3HG**. Activity will be on CW/SSB, 80-15 meters but plans are in the works to put up a 160m antenna. QSL via home call or WY3V.

BV9, ORCHID ISLAND (TAIWAN). Operators JA3YTE, BV4IA, BV8AE, BV8CF and BV8BC (the Taitung branch of CTARL) will be active **May 23-26th**. QSL via BV8BC.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Eddie, **FO5OK**, is on 3798.5 in the mornings; Todd, N2XL, stated he was weak and had some fading, but there, none the less. There were very few U.S. stations on to work him, and there was no pile-up.

IOTA NEWS.....

- Giorgio, I2VXJ, will be active during the **CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th)** as **IZ9R** from **Lampedusa**, African Italy. Lampedusa is IOTA **AF-019**. QSLs will be sent via the bureau for every QSO. Activity is planned for all bands before and after the contest.
- **LES ILES GLENAN (IOTA EU-094).** Jim, G3RTE, and Phil, G3SWH, will be activating **St. Nicolas Island** in the Glenans group between **June 28th and 30th**. They plan to run two stations simultaneously, with **F/G3RTE/P** on SSB on the usual IOTA frequencies and **F/G3SWH/P** on CW. Activity is planned for all bands 80-10 meters. QSLs for both stations will be handled by G3SWH (21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS19 5HQ, UK.) or via the RSGB bureau.
- **MONACH ISLAND (IOTA EU-111).** Bob/GM0DEQ, Eddie/GM0KVI and Robbie/GM0SEI will be active from **May 24-26th** (WX permitting). They will be operating on the HF bands SSB/CW as **GB6MI** and **GB2MI**. All QSLs answered via manager GM0KVI. They will be around standard IOTA freq's.
- **ISLAND OF NEGROS (IOTA OC-129).** Gary/K9AW will operate **K9AW/DU6** from here **May 19th to June 1st**. He will also operate during the **CQWW WPX CW Contest (SO/AB)**. QSL via WF5T.
- **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (IOTA NA-029).** On June 1st, the Confederation Bridge will be opened connecting Prince Edward Island to the mainland of Canada. The ferry service by Marine Atlantic to the mainland will be terminated. The Confederation Bridge will be the "world's longest bridge over ice covered water" at 12.9 kilometers/8 miles and the highest span being 60 meters/131.24 feet above the water. To commemorate this occasion, Industry Canada and Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) have granted all Amateurs of Prince Edward Island the use of "**XN0**" as a special prefix in place of "**VY2**" from **May 29th, at 0000z to September 1st, at 2400z**. Special calls also have been granted to correspond with the opening of the Confederation Bridge and the last crossing of the Marine Atlantic ferries. Commencing **May 30, 31 and June 1**, the special call **VY2CB** (Victor Yankee Two Confederation Bridge) will be used from the Confederation Bridge site and on **May 31st**, **VY2LC** (Victor Yankee Two Last Crossing) will be used from aboard one of the ferries making the last crossing of the Northumberland Strait. A picture of the Confederation Bridge will be on the QSL card confirming contact with these stations. Additional information and photos of the Confederation Bridge can be found on internet at: <http://www.peinet.pe.ca/SCDI/bridge.html> or <http://www.gov.pe.ca>
LAST MINUTE UPDATE: A homepage is available now. Completed information of this event can be found at the following WEB site: <http://www.isn.net/wxsense/vy2cb.htm>

L70FM, ARGENTINA. This special event station will be active celebrating the 70th Anniversary of "RADIO CLUB ROSARIO". Details of operations and length of activity were not provided. QSL via LU4FM (NOT LU2FFD).

LM, NORWAY. Liv, LA4YW, states: "Once again, 'Trondheims-gruppen av NRRL' have received a special prefix call, **LM2T**, this time because of our city, TRONDHEIM, is celebrating 1000 year this year." Liv said they tried for permission to be active for the whole year but were turned down. So, LM2T will only be active for one week. The celebration station will be active for one week between **May 30th to June 6th**. Activity will be on all bands and modes, and QSL is 100% via the bureau or via LA2T: Trondheimsgruppen av NRRL, Box 929, NO-7001 TRONDHEIM, Norway.

NH2, GUAM. JI3ERV/NH2C, JG3RPL/N1BJ, and JR7OMD/WI3O will be active as **NH2C** in the upcoming **CQWW WPX CW Contest** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via JI3ERV. Sunrise/Sunset: 1953z/0842z

NOIDX DXER OF THE YEAR..... **Al Hernandez, K3VN** (ex-WA3YVN), has been named DXer of the Year by the New Orleans International DX Convention. Selected from a slate of nominees, Al is a well-known DXer who has organized, supported and participated in many DXpeditions. For a brief but impressive bio sketch, see the "The Team" on the Heard Island (VK0IR) Web page at: <http://www.ccnnet.com/~cordell/HI/#Anchor61756> Al will be honored with a plaque at the 6th Annual NOIDX Convention in New Orleans (22-23 Aug 97), where he will also give a presentation of the VK0IR trip.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Dominik, DL5EBE, informs OPDX that some misleading info has been published in various DX bulletins stating he is the QSL Manager for **EM1KA** and **EM1U**. Please note that **he is not** the QSL Manager for these stations, **but for VP8CTR**, Roman (EM1KA) at Vernadsky Base, Antarctica.
- Reports indicate that the **7O1A** cards are being received. ADDED NOTE: Just a reminder that this operation does not count for DXCC.
- QSLs for **LM2SKI** (Nordic Skii World Championship February 1997) has been sent to all via the bureau. A total of 6522 QSOs were made in 11 days.

OPDX SPANISH WEB SITE. Thanks to "QTC Magazine", Tony Pernas, EA1CSI, QTC Magazine Staff, informed OPDX that the OPDX Bulletin will now be translated in Spanish and can be found on the World-Wide Web at: <http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

SV5, DODECANESE. Fred, SM7DAY, will be active **May 24th through June 13th** as **SV5/SM7DAY**. His operations will be on 20-17 meters from **Kalymnos**. QSL via the bureau (home call) or direct.

VE8RCS (Ellesmere Island closing down). From Mike Lonneke HA/W0YR, in Budapest, Hungary: "In a QSO with VE8RCS on 12 May at 0848Z (20 M SSB), operator Steve at VE8RCS told me that Station "Alert" and Amateur Radio Station VE8RCS on Ellesmere Island would be closing down on May 15th. Steve, an unlicensed but authorized operator (who is studying for his own call) said the final QSOs from the world's farthest North station will be about 1000Z on May 15 on 20 meter SSB. He said the shutdown is much sooner than was expected. Ellesmere Island (NA-008) is located at 82.2N, 62.2E and has been on the air for over thirty years as the communications link as the High Arctic Weather and Experimental Station. It is about 450 miles from the North Pole. Experiments at Station "Alert" have included measurement of global warming indicators, pollution in the pollution in the global regions and

measurements made by the Canadian team for other governments. Now, according to Steve, all functions will be automated. Steve said the step to full automation had been contemplated for some time but "they moved this along much faster than anyone thought. All we have left now is this 100 watt transceiver, the microphone and the 5 element yagi. Everything else has been boxed up."de HA/W0YR

VF6 & VX6, CANADA (Attention Prefix Hunters). Calgary Amateur Radio Association (CARA) is celebrating the 75th anniversary. The Alberta Radio Experimenters Association (AREA) was formed in 1922. CARA is one of the largest Amateur Radio Clubs in Canada. A special event station **VX6CAR** will operate from **May 18th to May 21st**. CARA members can use a **special prefix VF6** assigned by Industry Canada from **May 21st to June 1st 1997**.

WP2, VIRGIN ISLAND. Andy, SM4CNN/DF3IAL, will be active as **WP2Z, St. Croix, May 22nd to May 28th** (which includes the **CQ WPX Contest**). QSL to his present callsign: DF3IAL, Anders Larsson, Riedhalsstrasse 10, D-60437 Frankfurt, Germany. Andy will be happy to QSL via the bureau. Requests with QSO info can be obtained via E-mail to DF3IAL@AOL.COM.

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